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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Amy M. Manetta
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Examiner: Truc T. Chuong
Art Unit: 2179

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

The Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The Preliminary Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated March 23, 2005 for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending June 23, 2005 was set in which to respond. The following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

The Applicants submit that in view of the attached Request for Continued Examination and Certificate of Mailing, this response is timely.

Listing/Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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